

Community benefits

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) uses HIV surveillance to learn more about:

- What people are doing that puts them at risk for HIV
- Whether people are getting the information they need about HIV (counseling)
- Whether people are getting tested for HIV
- Whether people are getting care (treatment and support) for HIV
- Whether people are taking their HIV medicines as directed

The information is then used to direct HIV prevention efforts to where they are needed the most.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention currently recommends that people ages 13-64 be HIV tested once in their lifetime. People considered high-risk should be tested every year.

Where can I get more information and the reporting packet?

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

West Virginia Bureau for Public Health
Division of Surveillance and Disease Control
HIV/AIDS & STD Program

350 Capitol Street, Room 125
Charleston, WV 25301-3715
1-800-642-8244 (WV toll free)
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HIV/AIDS

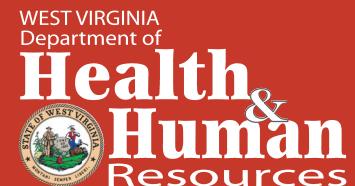
Surveillance & Case Reporting in West Virginia



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Mission of the HIV/AIDS surveillance program:

- Ascertain HIV/AIDS cases in West Virginia
- Identify mode of transmission trends
- Maintain a secure and confidential database

HIV/AIDS case reporting must be completed in a timely and accurate manner for the mission to be accomplished.

How are the data used?

- To evaluate availability of services for persons with HIV/AIDS
- To secure federal funds for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- To improve referral systems for patient care
- To direct public health policies
- To describe the changing face of the epidemic
- To provide accurate statistics and data analysis to provide direction for prevention program intervention projects

Who is required to report HIV/AIDS in West Virginia?

All health care providers in West Virginia who perform or cause to have performed serologic or other tests for HIV shall make a report of all HIV infection associated with laboratory tests that are positive or results that are indicative of the HIV infection to the division (Bureau of Public Health). §64-64-13.1

It is the health care provider who must complete the CDC HIV/AIDS Case Report Form to be mailed directly to the

HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program. The HIV/AIDS surveillance staff conducts active case surveillance and is available to visit the provider's office to ascertain the information needed for the case report. The surveillance staff will accommodate the provider's needs.

Reasons for reporting HIV/AIDS Cases

- Protect the public's health
- Availability of Patient Counseling and Referrals Services (PCRS) to assist with partner notification - contracts may be tested using oral HIV testing methods
- Assistance with patient referrals for treatment
- Distribution of funds for treatment (such as the AIDS Drug Assistance Program) and strategies for prevention are based on surveillance data
- It is required by law (64 CSR 64)

How are HIV/AIDS cases reported?

- Cases are reported on the CDC HIV/AIDS Case Report form that is part of the reporting packet available from the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Staff
- The reporting packet also contains a pre-addressed, postage paid envelope in which the case report can be mailed, information on the HIV Care Consortia, protocol for partner notification and guides for assessing a patient's risk factors
- The HIV/Surveillance staff is available upon request to come to the provider's office to complete the CDC HIV/AIDS Case Report form

Call the HIV/AIDS Surveillance staff to discuss reporting and to receive the HIV/AIDS reporting packet:

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For more information or to report your HIV/AIDS patient's case, contact: